Action Plan for Disaster Management

818. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) details of policy declared by Government to deal with man-made and natural calamities through institutionalized Disaster Management action plan and achievement till date;

(b) the date on which the High Powered Committee on Disaster Managemnent submitted the "National Disaster Response Plan";

(c) the salient features of the said plan, action taken and results obtained so far indicating target set for its actual implementation;

(d) whether Government propose to form a separate independent department to deal only Disaster Management; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Ministry of Home Affairs has been designated as the nodal Ministry for coordinating response and relief in case of natural calamities (except drought) and man-made disasters. The Ministry is in the process of setting up an institutionalized framework for disaster preparedness response, reduction and mitigation.

(b) The High Powered Committee on Disaster Management Plans submitted the National Disaster Response Plan alongwith its report on the 1 st of October, 2001.

(c) The said Plan provides valuable guidelines for preparing the response plans, and the suggestions given therein are being kept in view while strengthening the structures/instruments for disaster management.

(d) There is no such proposal at present.

(e) Does not arise.

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†819. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.